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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD FROM HOLBROOKE

E.O. 11652:X GDS-1

TAGS: PEPR, JA, US

SUBJECT: US ATTITUDES ON STRAUSS-USHIBA COMMUNIQUE

REF: TOKYO 2380

1. I READ WITH GREAT INTEREST ACCOUNT OF YOUR MEETING WITH SONODA, PARTICULARLY DESCRIPTION OF CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON. I AGREE WITH ENCOURAGING CONCLUSIONS YOU PASSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER ON IMPORTANCE ATTACHED HERE TO STRAUSS-USHIBA AGREEMENT, BUT I HOPE JAPANESE WILL NOT GAIN IMPRESSION THAT PROBLEMS SOLVED AND PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES MORE THAN TEMPORARILY EASED. AS YOU HEARD WHILE YOU WERE HERE, CONSIDERABLE CONCERN REMAINS ALIVE IN WASHINGTON OVER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT, PARTICULARLY ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 7 PERCENT GROWTH RATE AND REDUCTION OF THE CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS. I KNOW WE SHARE THE SAME CONCERN OVER THE INCREASED MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM THE US WILL FACE WITH  
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JAPAN IF BY AUTUMN THERE ARE INADEQUATE INDICATIONS OF PROGRESS ON GROWTH, TRADE SURPLUS, OR THE SPECIFIC MEASURES OUTLINED IN THE AGREEMENT. HENRY OWEN REITERATED HIS WORRY ON THIS SCORE RECENTLY AND I MADE THE POINT TO AMBASSADOR TOGO WHEN HE CALLED FEBRUARY 14 (SEPTTEL). BOB STRAUSS I AM SURE WILL MAKE SAME PITCH TO TOGO TODAY (FEBRUARY 15).

2. WHEN YOU WERE HERE YOU URGED THAT US BE SUPPORTIVE OF JAPANESE IN PUBLIC, AVOID SKEPTICISM, AND CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE WHICH WOULD HELP RATHER THAN HINDER IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT. WE ALL AGREE, AND ARE DOING JUST THAT. AT THE SAME TIME I HOPE ALL OF US WILL MISS NO OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH JAPANESE LEADERS TO DESCRIBE OUR CONCERNS AND THE NEED FOR STEADY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE AGREEMENT. OTHERWISE THIS FALL WILL SEE A RENEWED AND PERHAPS MORE DIFFICULT PHASE. WARM REGARDS. VANCE

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